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We Americans are as expansive with our gestures as our nation is with its great prairies, mountains and lakes.

Most of us are adept at "bending the elbow" in convivial groups. We wave our flag and we stand to arms as a great national defense program gets under way.

We love action... action with gestures. A restless people, we are constantly on the move, gesturing with traffic signals, shaking our fists, waving greetings, swaying to dance rhythms.

Next Tuesday we have the privilege of making another truly American gesture. It goes something like this:

We'll write our "John Hancock," brush aside a curtain, grasp a rubber-stamp. X some little squares on a piece of paper and then hand that paper, carefully folded over, to a person who will stuff it into a locked box.

These actions are the hallmark of a free American. No one tells him where to place his little X's... no one can tamper with them and no one can change their aggregate meaning.

The qualified citizen who neglects to make this priceless gesture next Tuesday deserves to lose it forever. See that YOU make it and one more gesture: Clench your fists in determination that your children and your children's children will repeat it for generations to come!

1,000 Memberships Is Goal Here for Red Cross Drive

The American Red Cross, confronted with increased demands of the current national defense program and growing needs for widening its regular domestic operations, on Nov. 11 will embark on its greatest membership Roll Call since the days of the first World War.

Red Cross officials here have set a goal of 1,000 memberships as their share in strengthening services of the organization locally and nationally.

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Differentiating from the needs of European war relief, Deisinger stated that the Red Cross Roll Call is held each year to support the national and local Red Cross organizations in their domestic operations.

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31 COMMON DIVIDEND U. S. STEEL DECLARES

NEW YORK — Directors of United States Steel Corporation this week declared a dividend of \$1 a share on the common stock.

MARCH OF RIMES SEX APPEAL

One morning, in our garden, beyond the picket fence, I overheard some vegetables in heated conference. Quite soon I found the answer, they'd gathered to reveal which one of them possesses the greatest sex appeal.

Mrs. Torrance Bequeaths \$2500 to Hospital Here

A bequest of \$2,500 is made to the Torrance Memorial Hospital in the will of the late Helen Childs Torrance, according to the will filed for probate this week in Pasadena department of the superior court.

Officials of the hospital indicated this week that the bequest would be reserved to help defray the cost of furnishing and equipping an extension to the hospital building, which is contemplated in the near future.

Mrs. Torrance, widow of J. S. Torrance, founder of this city, died Oct. 18. She made her home at 1050 South El Molino avenue in Pasadena.

Main portion of the estate is being held in trust for Mrs. Torrance's children and descendants, and the Security-First National Bank is authorized to act as trustee and administrator.

Girl-Student Killed Crossing Highway to Home

Adding still another name to the constantly increasing list of victims who have perished as result of auto collisions on "Death Row"—Highway 101 between Oak and Lucille streets—pretty, little Mary Whitmer, 16, of 2158 Highway 101, died last night.

She succumbed in Torrance Memorial hospital less than three hours after she was struck and fatally injured by an automobile as she was crossing Highway 101 near her home.

Believed blinded by glare of approaching headlights and started as Byron E. Mulvaney, 25, of 24435 Neece avenue, Waltham, blew his horn, she was hit by his car about 6 o'clock.

She passed away at the hospital at 9:05 without regaining consciousness.

Motorist's Remedy Aid Mulvaney was driving west in the center lane of traffic, he told deputy sheriffs. He said he was going about 25 or 30 miles an hour. Investigation showed that Mary Whitmer's body was carried on the front bumper of his car for about 27 feet before it fell off and he came to a stop, officers reported.

The Waltham motorist rendered all possible aid, deputy sheriffs said, and the fatally-injured girl was sped to the hospital in a Los Angeles police department ambulance called from San Pedro.

She was received at 6:15 o'clock and physicians who examined her (Continued on Page 8-A)

Japanese Who Is No. 1 Draftee Ready for Duty

Games of chance are not respecters of persons and this fact was clearly demonstrated to millions of American men who held "tickets" in the great lottery at Washington Tuesday.

More important, however, is the fact that this method of establishing precedence in the nation's call to arms was typically American. Every man had an equal chance, regardless of wealth or position, and men from every walk of life were included among the holders of number 158, plucked first from the historic goldfish bowl by Secretary of War Stimson.

This first number was a low one, and so there was a young man in nearly every draft board area in the United States who held number 158. A Gardena Japanese-American held the first number in this district. He is Shitsuo Kagayama of 1620 West 158th street.

Kagayama is a gardener and he didn't spend any time Tuesday listening to the radio broadcast of the numbers pulled from the fishbowl. Reporters who called at his home to find out just how he felt about it all, were the conveyors of the news that his was the first number drawn. Kagayama "felt glad about it," though, he told newsmen. He is an American citizen, born in Los Angeles, Calif. (Continued on Page 4-A)

City-Wide Hallowe'en Fun for Kids Starts; Games, Dance Tonight

All arrangements for the first annual city-wide Hallowe'en festivities for Torrance youngsters and young people were completed this morning by Dale Riley, city recreation director, and his hard-working staff. They have accumulated a big array of prizes and loads of refreshments for the young sprites, hob-goblins, witches and elves who will participate in the four events on the Hallowe'en program.

Every boy and girl in Torrance is cordially invited to attend the festivity programmed for his or her age group. Costumes should be worn if possible but no one is going to deprive a child of the fun if he or she is not garbed in special style for the occasion.

Here is the schedule of Hallowe'en fun:

"Hallowe'en Highway" Starting at 3 o'clock and lasting until 5:30 o'clock this afternoon at the city park, games are being played, prizes awarded and refreshments of popcorn balls and apples distributed to all youngsters up to 10 years of age.

At the same time, the Waltham Recreation Center is the scene of a similar Hallowe'en party for youngsters up to 12 who live in that part of Torrance.

Tonight from 6 to 9 p.m., El Prado will be "Hallowe'en Highway" as the street is roped off from Cravens to the alley for carnival games of all kinds. Prizes are to be awarded winners and those having the best costumes. Popcorn balls and apples will be distributed to children from 10 to 15 years of age.

Only One Request At 9 o'clock young people from 15 to 21 are invited to attend a free costume dance in the Civic Auditorium where more prizes are to be awarded, serpentine, confetti and noisemakers distributed and a "hot band" will provide the music.

It's all free—the only request made by the City Recreation department, sponsor of the celebration, is that all young participants return home at once after their age group's fun is ended and refrain from causing any property damage.

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Business Men Pick McCallum to Head Assoc.

Eager to create a progressive organization and undertake several new fields of activity, a seven-man committee selected Oct. 23 to direct reorganization of the Torrance Retail Merchants Association met Tuesday night.

They elected Robert McCallum, owner of the Torrance Sheet Metal, chairman; Michael Strasser of The Herald, vice-chairman, and George Moore, owner of Moore's Hardware Store, secretary-treasurer. It was agreed that the name of the revived organization would be Torrance Business Men's Association.

For the group's first project, the Association plans an extensive Christmas promotion program which will enlist the aid of all firms and professional men in the city. The Association endorsed the Armistice Day closing request of the American Legion.

To get ideas on how the downtown business district should be decorated this coming holiday season, Association directors planned a contest open to the public. Further details on this issue. The closing date for the "idea quest" is Nov. 12.

Chairman McCallum and his fellow-directors, who include Alton W. Smith, Howard C. Locke, J. E. Miller, Don Miller, Strasser and Moore will meet again Nov. 12 to advance further plans for the Association and arrange for a membership assembly in the near future.

Two More from Here Sail for Midway Island

Two more Torrance men left today for the long voyage to Midway Island where they will be employed for a year in construction work for establishment of a Navy base. Elmer Riley, well-known barber and son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Riley, and Fred Ralston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Ralston, sailed this morning from Los Angeles harbor aboard the S. S. Washington for the trip. They have signed contracts for a year's service.

Pranksters Who Overdo Mischief Will Be Cited Into Juvenile Court

When witches fly and ghosts prowling tonight, Torrance juveniles can have all the fun they want—just so they don't get into mischief.

If they do, it means a juvenile court appearance and no mistake according to Police Chief John Stroh. He issued a bulletin to all schools early this week, which pointed out a change in the police method of handling youngsters who are found causing property damage or engaged in Hallowe'en pranks that come under the head of malicious mischief.

H. S. Students Warned "All members of the police department will be on duty tonight to keep the celebration of Hallowe'en within bounds," Stroh said. Ample notice has been given boys and girls here that authorities will be very firm about curbing the celebrants.

The last issue of the Torrance High "News Torch," student publication, urged readers to be "civic-minded" and Police Judge Robert Lessing admonished school students Tuesday morning at a special assembly to refrain from causing damage to night. The bulletin sent all schools by Police Chief Stroh follows:

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Huge Number of Voters Eagerly Awaiting Nov. 5

With a record-breaking number of citizens qualified to vote next Tuesday, Nov. 5, the fast-approaching election day should bring to the polls the greatest army of voters this nation has ever known. Heavy registrations throughout the country, particularly in the big cities, indicate a history-making popular vote of around 50 million may be cast.

The same holds true for California—where 4,052,395 are registered; for Los Angeles county—where 1,721,780 are qualified; for Torrance—where 5,363 are eligible, and for Lomita—where 3,504 may participate in the decision by ballot.

While the national campaign—as any reader, any radio listener knows—has been breaking all records for heat, locally it has been quieter than an ordinary municipal campaign. However, interest in the outcome—third term for President Roosevelt or first term for Wendell Willkie—is at high pitch.

Where to Vote Next Tuesday

- Next Tuesday, Nov. 5, the following precinct polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Torrance: Prec. No. 1—18127 Prairie ave. Prec. No. 2—1615 Cedar ave. Prec. No. 3—716 Border ave. Prec. No. 4—1534 Marcelina ave. Prec. No. 5—1322 Engracia ave. Prec. No. 6—1027 Anapola ave. Prec. No. 7—1417 Cota ave. Prec. No. 8—1734 Arlington ave. Prec. No. 9—2013 Arlington ave. Prec. No. 10—28010 Narbonne ave. Prec. No. 11—2666 W. Carson. Prec. No. 12—Walteria school, Ward St. at 242nd St. Prec. No. 13—807 Portola ave. Prec. No. 14—1307 Portola ave. Prec. No. 15—Hotel dining room, 1913 Cabrillo ave. Prec. No. 16—Recreation Center, 24439 Park St.

Edison Masons to Hold Fourth Annual Dinner in Torrance

For the fourth successive year the Southern California Edison Masonic club will hold its annual "Hi-Jinx" dinner program at the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Jan. 11, 1941.

S. G. Benton, president of the club, this week informed Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Chamber of Commerce that he expects about 650 members to attend the festivities. He said they would be "pleased to have the American Legion Auxiliary attend to the catering."

Here's First Local Draft Call List

LATE NEWS ABOUT DRAFT

Men whose numbers are among the first 650 drawn Tuesday in the draft lottery stand a good chance to be among the first 800,000 trainees who will be in the Army before next July... Those whose numbers are in the first 390 drawn are even more likely prospects... About 130 men from each local selective service board will be needed to fill the 800,000 quota...

Some officials estimate that only 20 per cent of the total registrants will be classified as fit and available for immediate service—that is in Class 1A... If only one in five are thus placed in that class, it will take an average of 650 men from each local board to produce 130 citizen-soldiers... Local boards must hustle to have 30,000 men ready for the Army on schedule Nov. 18...

Mailing of questionnaires to men in the order in which they appear on the list is not expected to start until Nov. 7... Questionnaires will go out locally at the rate of 50 per day—50 per week... Receivers must fill them out and return them five days after receipt...

- 1021 Cravens, Torrance. 2456 St. Lomita. 2546 St. Lomita. 2616 Taichoi Shimada, 1019 W. 166th St. Gardena. 166th St. Gardena. 2765 Shigeo Yosutake, 17320 S. Crenshaw, Gardena. 2877 Joseph James Osborn, Rt. 1, Bx. 479, Torrance. 2922 Harold Henry Funk, 2035 259th Pl. Lomita. 1854 Andrew Jason Rutherford, 1021 W. 166th St. Gardena. 167 Frank Thomas Glick, 2001 W. 174th St. Gardena. 1369 Nicholas Peter Perovich, 2067 Carson St. Torrance. 162 Charles William Chambers, 922 Via Campanella, Palos Verdes. 2447 John Edward Cobb, 2414 Lomita Blvd., Lomita. 2484 Thomas Summers Murdock, 4125 Via Solana, Palos Verdes. 2567 Joseph Leonard Kennedy, 914 1/2 Gardena Blvd., Gardena. 147 Lewis Raymond Heckerson, 616 Lucia, Torrance. 1200 Henry Monroe Lawyer, Jr., 2312 Gramercy, Torrance. 1855 Raymond Monroe Beadle, 1614 Gardena, Torrance. 2510 Jack Norman Martin, 17601 Normandie, Gardena. 2638 Charles Henry Lorey, 1729 W. Manhattan Pl. Moneta. 689 Harry Yosokuchi Yanaga, 15042 S. Normandie, Gardena. 2527 Durward Otho Patterson, 1341 W. 141st. Gardena. 2657 Roger Murphy, 2020 1/2 Arlington, Torrance. 1235 Serrano Bon Ybarra, 16437 1/2 Manhattan Pl. Moneta. 2672 Tawilo Takeuchi, 933 1/2 Gardena Blvd., Gardena. 1234 Harry P. Mack, 26024 Narbonne, Lomita.

1932 Results Re-Printed

Torrance's 5,363 voters include 3,699 Democrats and 1,608 Republicans. In Lomita, the total registration of 3,504 embraces 2,605 Democrats and 897 Republicans.

For those analysts and settlers of election wagers, the following data on the two previous national elections has been compiled from files of this newspaper: In 1932 when Torrance had 2,858 voters (1,937 Republicans and 1,492 Democrats) registered, Roosevelt received 1,759 to Hoover's 1,042. In Lomita, where 2,664 were qualified (1,192 Republicans and 1,163 Democrats), the result was: Roosevelt 1,222; Hoover 513.

Figures for 1936

Four years ago, in 1936 there were 4,417 registered voters in Torrance—2,878 Democrats and 1,319 Republicans. A total of 3,763 went to the polls and President Roosevelt received nearly a three-to-one endorsement over Alf M. Landon of Kansas, the count being: Roosevelt 2,720, Landon 931.

In Lomita there were 3,049 registered (1,997 Democrats and 900 Republicans) and 2,601 voted. Lomitans gave the President a bigger majority than he received in Torrance, the tally being: Roosevelt 1,897; Landon 633.

City Gets \$679 In Liquor Fees

Allocation of \$432,061.80 to Los Angeles county as its share of the distribution of alcoholic beverage license fees earned during the first six-month period of 1940, it was announced this week by the State Board of Equalization.

Of the county's total share, \$679.37 will go to Torrance.

COUNCIL MEETING A regular meeting of the city council will be held Tuesday night, Nov. 12, at the city hall.